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Dear Sir:

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This application is a continuation of PCT application serial no. PCT/US99/27505, filed November 19, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application serial no. 09/339,632, filed June 24, 1999, now abandoned, which claims the benefit of 60/109,247, filed November 19, 1998.

The following 10 references listed on the attached form PTO 1449 were cited by the Examiner in this application, and copies are therefore not provided with this statement. Copies of the remaining references are provided herewith.

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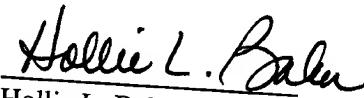
Also enclosed is a copy of the Written Opinion and International Preliminary Examination Report for PCT/US99/27505, the PCT application corresponding to the instant application.

This statement is being filed after a first Office Action on the merits, but before the receipt of a final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0219 the required fee of \$180.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).

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